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Legislature Removes Sexually Explicit Material from Children's Reach

LANSING — The Michigan Senate yesterday passed House Bill 4360, a bill which eliminates the possibility of exposing children to material that is unsuitable to view, announced Sen. Valde Garcia (R-Howell).

The legislation was developed after parents complained about taking their children to use public facilities at places like gas stations, only to find sexually explicit magazines and similar materials prominently displayed in the business.

Under the bill, such material must be kept from public view either by covering the bottom two-thirds of the publication, or by keeping it in restricted areas where minors are not permitted without a parent or guardian.

“Parents should not have to worry about what their sons or daughters see on their way to the restroom or in the candy aisle at their local convenience store,” Garcia said.

“This bill just makes good common sense.”

House Bill 4360 now awaits the governor's signature.